

REMARKS

This Amendment is respectfully submitted in response to the Office Action of December 12, 2001. The foregoing amendment finds basis in the Specification at page 1, lines 19-35.

The Office Action of December 12, 2001, a Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application, indicated that the following application parts were missing when filed on November 6, 2001: oath or declaration, late filing fee for late filing of the oath or declaration and an abstract for the application. A copy of the Notice to File Missing Parts of Nonprovisional Application is appended hereto.

As to the oath or declaration, applicants respectfully point out that applicants' file indicates that a Declaration and Power of Attorney was filed concurrently with the application on November 6, 2001, as set forth in the Express Mail Certificate (a copy of which is submitted concurrently herewith).

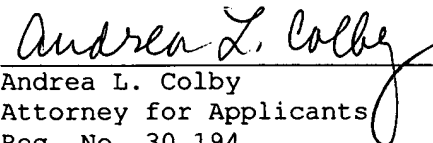
A copy of this Declaration is attached hereto. Applicants respectfully point out that the Declaration refers to the **parent** application of the above-captioned patent application, i.e., U.S. Serial No. 09/293,111 as the current application is a divisional application thereof. Applicants respectfully submit that, under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d), a newly-executed declaration is not required for this divisional application and that the declaration filed with the parent application fulfills the requirement for a declaration in a divisional application.

In an abundance of caution, however, in the event that the original Declaration and Power of Attorney became separated from the application in transit, applicants respectfully attach a new copy hereto and an authorization to charge the Deposit Account below if the Declaration is not already in the Patent Office file. Applicants respectfully request that the Patent Office review its file to ensure that the Declaration and Power of Attorney has not been submitted.

With regard to the requirement of an Abstract, applicants have amended the above-captioned application to include an Abstract. This Abstract finds basis in the Specification at page 1, lines 19-35. Applicants respectfully submit that this addresses the requirement set forth in the Office Action of December 12, 2001.

Please charge Deposit Account No. 10-0750/ROC-025/ALC in the amount of \$130.00. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required in connection with the filing of this communication, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 10-0750/ROC-025/ALC. Three copies of this sheet are enclosed.

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